

## Bramshott and Liphook NDP Consultation

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Dear Sir

Having spent some considerable time studying the documents that form the local Bramshott and Liphook NDP I remain concerned about two key points. These are set out below and form the basis of my response to the consultation:

1. The Plan fails to address the fact that Bramshott and Liphook Parish is split between two Planning Authorities – the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and East Hampshire District Council (EHDC). There is nothing in it that addresses the need for a holistic approach to developments within the whole Parish and how the different aims and objectives of these two Planning Authorities are to be mutually satisfied. It is my considered view that the SDNPA and EHDC Planning Authorities should work together to provide a master plan for the future sustainable development of the Parish. Unfortunately, this appears not to be forthcoming, and it seems that the SDNPA refuses to have dialogue on the issue with EHDC. Furthermore, this NDP has no policies to ensure that a holistic and sustainable future development proposal will be attainable. A solution would be the immediate change of the SDNP boundary so that the Parish lies entirely within either one Planning Authority or the other and can therefore be treated as a single community in planning terms.
2. Of those Policies that are presented in the Plan, most still come across as a “wish list” without robustness or conviction. There are many uses of the words “...where possible...”, “..in so far as is reasonably practicable...” and “....subject to viability....”, rather than being more assertive. Such vague wording would appear to offer developers an obvious opportunity to be manipulative and avoid the requirement the Policy specifically seeks to impose.  
These shortcomings should I believe be addressed in the Plan’s next revision before it proceeds to referendum.

Yours faithfully

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